

### BOARD OF REGENTS

## Gift propels construction; Board backs status change

### Student Life Center to be named after long-time supporter

By NICK PARKER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Receiving one more financial boost, the cafeteria stage of the Student Life Center continues its trek toward completion.

Former Carthage businessman Roy Mayes offered a \$500,000 gift to Missouri Southern in the memory of his late wife, Dianne.

Mayes and his wife have served as members of the Missouri Southern Foundation board of directors for approximately 15 years. He said after his wife died in November 1995, he and their children wanted to find a way to help the College and also honor the memory of his wife.

"My wife was always a big booster of education," he said by telephone from Stuart, Fla. "She was very interested in promoting education. She liked the way the College was run and felt like it was a good, quality, heartland College."

"When she died, the kids and I decided we wanted to do something in her name. We wanted to support our home school. Dr. [College President Julio] Leon suggested this project and how important it was to students at Southern."

The Board of Regents on Wednesday unanimously agreed to name the facility, upon completion, the Dianne Mayes Student Life Center.

Steve Carlton, Board president, said naming the SLC after her was not only a proper way to honor Mrs. Mayes' support, but also the benevolence of her husband.

"They have been long-time

friends of the College," Carlton said. "When you get someone who has been as big a supporter as he and his wife have been, their loyalty deserves recognition. This is a way to honor not only their gift but also their long-time loyalty."

**Board recommends status change**  
The Board unanimously agreed to recommend Missouri Southern State University to the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education as a new name for the College.

The proposed status and name change has received support of several campus and local organizations, including the Faculty Senate, Student Senate, Joplin City Council, Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce, Webb City Council, and the Webb City Board of Education.

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### DISTANCE LEARNING

## Leon responds to suggestions by establishing new committee

By GINNY DUMOND  
MANAGING EDITOR

**D**ebate over how to deal with the issue of distance education may have found an end on the Missouri Southern campus.

Before the faculty welfare committee could ask to table a proposal that requested a faculty oversight committee in the area of distance learning, College President Julio Leon met with Dr. Barry Brown, faculty welfare committee representative to the Faculty Senate.

Leon offered his plan for an administrative distance learning oversight committee.

"The committee is going to be responsible to the president, and there will be one dean and one faculty representative from each school," Leon said.

Because of the complex issues involved in distance learning, the faculty welfare committee was trying to establish a committee with faculty representation to discuss quality and production of distance learning classes.

"This seems like a reasonable response to what the faculty welfare committee had asked for," Brown said. "It's an opportunity for faculty to have input into

courses that will be offered by distance learning."

Brown said Leon made a good decision in choosing to go forward with the formation of a committee.

"I think [he] saw the wisdom of getting the faculty involved in these classes from the ground level," he said.

This will also be an asset to Southern, Brown says.

"Surely the College wants faculty support for this program, and this is an obvious way to get faculty involved," he said.

Though Brown says there had been speculation about hard feelings between the welfare committee and the administration over the issue, he marks it up to poor communication.

"It was a misconception by the administration that the purpose of the committee was to make sure these courses didn't happen," Brown said.

"It was more a concern to make sure the courses the College does offer are the kind the College can support."

Leon thinks this committee will be able to apply the distance education issues.

"I think the administrative committee can do it," he said. "And it's a way of providing faculty input into the process." □

### INTERNATIONAL MISSION

## Swedish excursion brings tidings of partnership

By ERIN SELLERS  
STAFF WRITER

**A** Swedish partnership is in the works for Missouri Southern.

Dr. Larry Martin, dean of the school of arts and sciences; Jim Gray, dean of the school of business; and Jim Bray, head of the art department, recently returned from a week in Sweden. One of the purposes of the trip was to broaden Southern's Summer in Sweden program.

"The art department has done the [Summer in Sweden] four times already," Martin said. "So, we know that works. The business school went to try to set up something similar to what the art department is doing. That was the primary purpose of the trip."

The summer trip would be based at the Mulsjö



**Dr. Larry Martin**  
Dean, school of arts and sciences



**Mr. Jim Gray**  
Dean, school of business

Folkhögskola (people's college). "The program at the people's school is not an exchange," Martin said. "We send our students; we send our faculty to their campus; we teach our courses. As a result of our relationship, they know us. They send students to us, but to this point, we have never sent students to the people's school."

This sort of relationship is what Gray envisions for the school of business.

"I want our students to completely immerse themselves in Swedish culture," Gray said. "I want to showcase [Southern's] students."

Eventually, however, both Martin and Gray hope to establish a full semester exchange program for art and business students.

"That would be on a smaller scale," Martin said. "When we go over in the summer, we take 10 or 15

students. The semester [program] would not be of that magnitude."

The school of business' semester program would be in a town called Jonkoping (Yahn-shirping).

"What we were really trying to do there was to lay the groundwork to become one of the partner universities with its international school of business program at the University of Jonkoping," Martin said. "We are not a partner university at this point, but we talked about 'How you do this' and 'What are the advantages?'

"It's just in the beginning stages, but it would be possible, if we found the right student, that we would have an exchange over there by the fall of 1999."

The courses offered would all be upper-level international business courses taught in English. For now, it

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### GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE

## Goode receives teaching honor

By RHONDA CLARK  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

**R**ecognition by his peers and the administration is an honor for Larry Goode, professor of business administration and Missouri Southern's 1998 recipient of the Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

"I don't have any magic words, I like to teach. I do it the best I can, and evidently somebody likes it," he said.

Formal presentation of the award takes place Dec. 10 in Jefferson City at the Governor's Conference on Higher Education. Goode, the College's teacher of the year in 1986, said this year's award "ranks right up there with that." He

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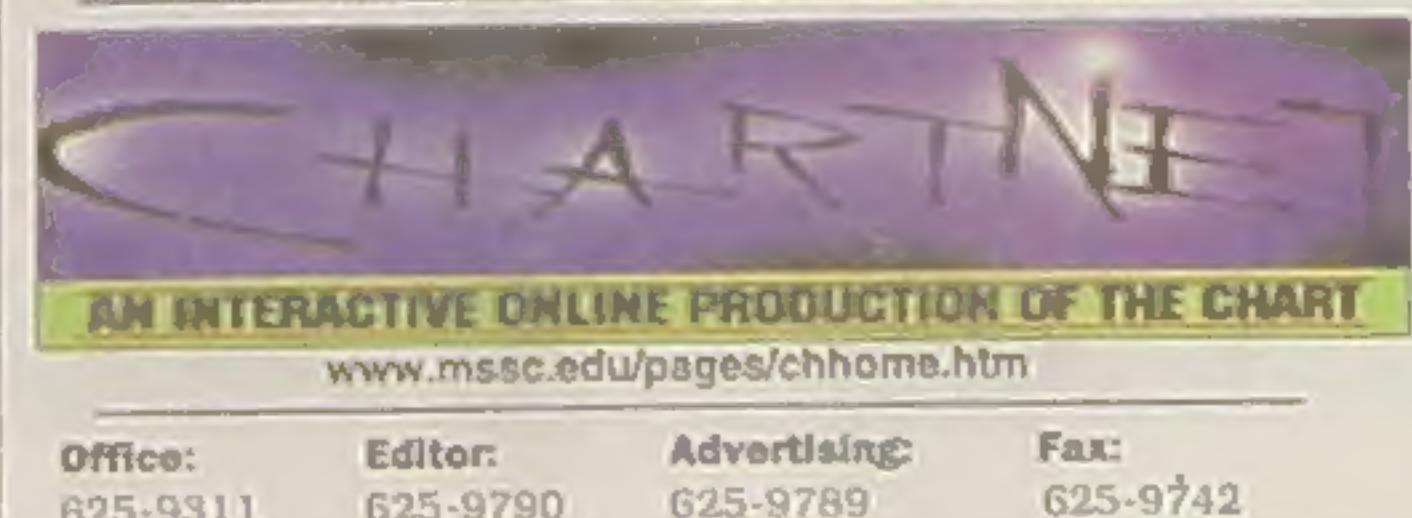
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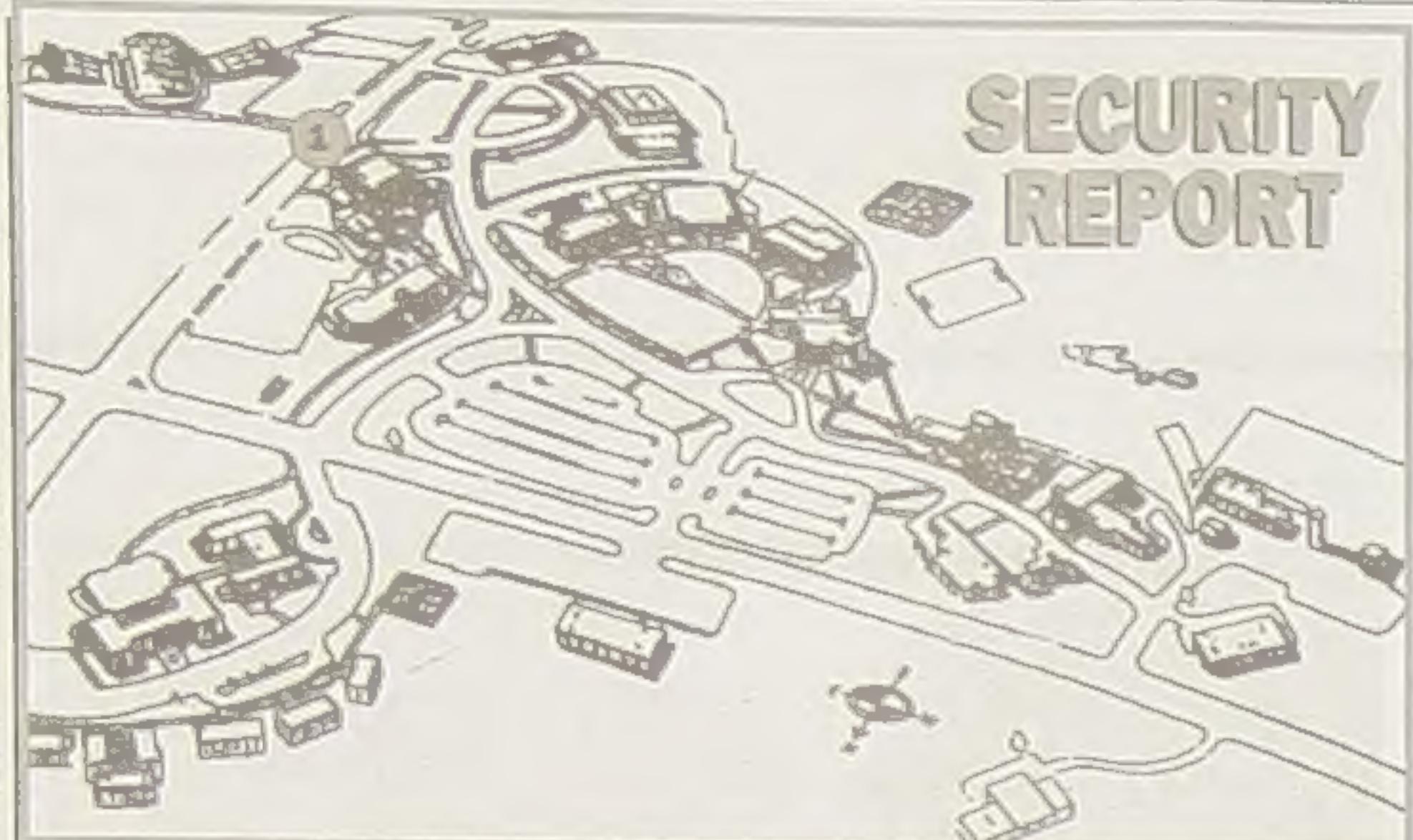
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## German system differs

By CALE RITTER  
EUROPEAN CORRESPONDENT

ANSBACH, Germany — Before coming to Germany, I was mistakenly under the impression that basically all college/university

you pass the abitur. This is a single test that assesses your cumulative knowledge from the gymnasium. It is apparently quite difficult, and most students finish this at age 19. After finishing the gymnasium, the student has about the equivalent of an American associate's degree.

I was surprised to find when I started classes here at the Fachhochschule that lectures are held only once per week. This would be very advantageous for anyone holding a job while studying. From my experiences, I've found that there are not as many German students working part-time or full-time as Americans. This is not to say that they don't work because there are some who do.

I believe more emphasis is placed upon the studies here. One major support to this is more financial support from the family. Again, I can't say this is common across the nation, only my experience here.

My three classes here, which are equivalent to 12 credit hours at Southern, are going quite well. Everyone has openly accepted their first American student. I hope that I represent the average Southern student adequately.

My first class is a full-fledged, cover-all-the-bases communication class. My final grade in this class depends on one large written

report on a particular aspect of communication along with a presentation of my research.

Microphone and camera is my second course. The grade in this class is derived from weekly videotaped speeches and one final presentation. Some of these require preparation, while others are completely impromptu. This works out great for me because I have a total lack of fear in front of the camera.

My final class is intercultural communication. This is very interesting because I learn a great deal about the German perspective of the American culture as well as others. The grade here depends on a research paper and a presentation that is totally unrelated to the research.

Nearly all of the classes here vary so much from the American grading system. Homework is not assigned too often. Attendance is not such an important aspect, only the final test.

At Southern, the final may count for somewhere in the neighborhood of 20 percent of the grade. Here at the Fachhochschule, it will count for somewhere around 95 percent of the grade. Many students will not pass. It is a very heavy burden.

I think I'm lucky that I can write research papers and not have to take the tests. The other transitions are hard enough. □

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major, is spending  
the semester  
at  
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provides an  
update of his  
experiences.

the college/university level, the secondary education level is different by itself. Where we have a single high school, German students have the option of three different types of school to enter. Each requires a different amount of time to attend.

The one called the gymnasium prepares the student for university. Passing depends on one single thing, and that is whether or not

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CAMPUS SAFETY

# Area student hit in College crosswalk

By ERIC GRUBER  
STAFF WRITER

While the last home game of the season was a victory for the Missouri Southern Lions, it was more of a thorn in the paw for Lindsey Keller.

Keller, a freshman psychology major at Pittsburg State University, was hit on Thursday night, Nov. 5, by a car at the crosswalk leading to Hughes Stadium. She was crossing with her boyfriend at the time of the accident.

"We were in the middle and I decided to hurry up and get out of the way," Keller said.

"I figured that if the yellow lights are flashing and all the cars are stopped, then all of them would stop."

The driver of the vehicle was Randall Russell, from Neosho. He could not be reached for comment.

Russell did state in the police report that Keller ran across in front of him. He applied his brakes, but was unable to avoid hitting her.

"I don't remember seeing anybody," Keller said. "I was taken to St. John's [Regional Medical Center] in an ambulance."

She was checked for injuries and then released.

In the police report, Keller said she was crossing Duquesne Road when her boyfriend yelled at her to stop.

Bill Boyer, head of campus security, said even though campus security usually guides traffic in and out of the stadium, he wasn't sure if there was any security at the crosswalk at the time.

"We (security) were over at the ball game," he said.

John Jensen, sergeant for the Joplin Police Department, said there were no security guards around the crosswalk at the time of the accident. The only real warning is the flashing yellow sign just before vehicles

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I don't remember seeing anyone.

Lindsey Keller  
Pittsburg State student

reach the crosswalk area.

"That's just a warning for traffic to be aware of the crosswalk," Jensen said. "There was no one out at that point directing traffic."



Vernon Lawson, of the Martha McCormick Memorial Engineering-Math-Physical Science scholarship, visits with senior environmental health major Brandon Rekus. Rekus receives a patron's scholarship and met with his scholarship sponsors at Tuesday evening's banquet.

## Dinner honors students, patrons

By GINNY DUMOND  
MANAGING EDITOR

Individuals and organizations who have opened their wallets to support the education of Missouri Southern students were honored Tuesday evening at the 28th annual Patron Scholarship Banquet.

The banquet consisted of a dinner attended by College administrators along with scholarship recipients and patrons.

"This represents the effort of many individuals, organizations, and memorials who say, 'We prefer to use these funds to invest in the futures of some individuals,'" said College President Julio Leon.

According to Leon, more than \$250,000 in patron scholarships is awarded every year.

Charity Covert, freshman undecided major, benefits from the Alberta Clayton Memorial Scholarship through Mercantile Bank.

"It has helped me so much because I don't have the financial load I would have had," she said.

Lighter financial constraints have helped Covert make the most of her freshman year.

"It's given me the freedom to do more for classes and be involved in more extra-curricular activities," she said.

Brandon Rekus, senior environmental health major, said meeting with the patrons was the best part of the experience for him.

"It was an excellent opportunity for students to put a face with the money they receive, and I think it's neat to see who they are and why they give their money," he said.

Dr. Doris Elgin, who represented the Missouri Southern Nursing

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## Senate rushes funds to group

### Body bends rules for Marketing Club

By JEFF WELLS  
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Standard operating procedures were thrown out the window to allow the Student Senate to allocate \$200 to the Marketing Club Wednesday night.

The club filed an allocation request for \$491.25 this week. The club wanted the funds immediately to subsidize a networking trip to Memphis, Tenn., this weekend.

The club will visit FedEx and the Mall of Memphis.

The Senate normally waits a week before voting on new business.

However, Marketing Club president Jamelle Horton, senior marketing and management major, said her club was not planning to take the trip this weekend, but changed its plans upon learning the club's contact with FedEx would only be available in Memphis at that time.

The finance committee recommended a \$200 appropriation because of the club's \$1,600 treasury balance.

Nine members and one faculty member will attend.

The Senate also voted unanimously to allocate \$1,000 to the Student American Dental Hygiene Association, SADHA.

requested the funding to attend conferences on the Board Review Test. The test is necessary to practice professional dental hygiene in Missouri. The group chose to attend conferences in Atlanta and Dallas because they do not conflict with class schedules.

The appropriations moved the Senate treasury balance to \$2,600.

The Senate then followed the lead of the Faculty Senate, the Joplin City Council, and other organizations in notifying the administration that it endorsed the name change to Missouri Southern State University.

"I think it is a really good idea because there has been a movement around the country to change the name of college to university," said the Senate President Jesse DeGonia. "If we want to keep up with the competition, we need to change our name also."

DeGonia said the status change to university was important.

### SENATE COFFERS

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##### ■ SADHA

Request: \$1,000

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Missouri Southern's Student Senate allows clubs and organizations made up of students to request up to \$1,000 to pay for group expenses.

NICK PARKER/The Chart

## SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

### 'The Chart' brings home Best of Show honors

The Chart won first place in a national Best of Show competition Sunday at the Associated Collegiate Press convention in Kansas City.

The Society for News Design cosponsored the competition and judged the entries for coverage, layout, graphics, photography, design continuity, and editorial leadership. Judges, which included members of The Kansas City Star, also did a spot-check of writing and editing.

Newspapers submitted one issue from the current school year for the competition. The Chart's entry was its Oct. 30 edition.

Second place went to Truman State University. Eastern Kentucky University was third, followed by the University of South Carolina and Chico (Calif.) State University.

Noppadol Paothong, The Chart's director of photography, won first place in news photography at the national convention. Paothong's photo was taken in Seoul, Korea, while he was a student at North Idaho College.

### Speech and debate hold third place nationally

Missouri Southern's speech and debate squad is ranked third in the nation in parliamentary debate, behind Central Missouri State University and Concordia College.

Creighton University, Southwest Baptist University, Washburn University, Texas Tech University, Macalester College, Rice University, and Willamette University round out the top 10.

Southern recently traveled to a speech and debate tournament in St. Louis and placed fifth out of 32 schools. Jason Harrington was recognized as "best novice" in after dinner speaking.

### Paranormal presenter on campus Nov. 18

Loyd Auerbach, director of the Office of Paranormal Investigations, author, and investigator of paranormal phenomena, will speak at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Webster Hall auditorium.

Auerbach has been a guest on such programs and talk shows as "Sightings," "Unsolved Mysteries," "The Late Show," "Hard Copy," and "Disney Adventures." He has written four books on reincarnation, psychic dreaming, hauntings, and poltergeists.

Auerbach has taught parapsychology and other related topics for several years in the San Francisco Bay area and New York City. Auerbach founded the Office of Paranormal Investigations in 1989.

### Education scholarship offered to juniors, seniors

Sophomores and juniors interested in a career in mathematics, the natural sciences, or engineering may apply to the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Program.

In April 1999, the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation will award scholarships to students who will be college juniors or seniors during the 1999-2000 academic year. In order to be considered for an award, students must be nominated by their institution. The deadline for receipt of nominations is Jan. 15.

INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

## Zambians offer music, dancing

By BRIN CAVAN  
AUTOMOTIVE EDITOR

With the promise of listeners being "utterly amazed," the Zambian Acapella Boys Choir will demonstrate its "tremendous" talent at 7 p.m. Monday in Webster Hall auditorium.

"What I want to accomplish is not just to entertain or show off a singing group," said Keith Grimes, group sponsor and Zambian educational missionary. "I want to show off their tremendous ability and tremendous potential. Give them a chance and you will be utterly amazed."

The 12 young men from Lusaka, Zambia, aged 11 to 19, will present a program with a cappella vocals and dancing that they have written, directed, and choreographed themselves.

Dr. Albert Carnine, associate professor of music, said he suggested Missouri Southern contact the group after hearing about its concerts at the Christmas Festival in Branson's Silver Dollar City. Impressed by a similar group's performance, the African Children's Choir, he believes hearing the Zambian group will be a wonderful opportunity for Southern during the Africa Semester.

"This is one way of helping these boys out of a poverty situation," Carnine said.

Grimes views these performances as doing even more than directly helping a few individuals. He believes there is a greater obligation — to enlighten people from the United States and other countries on the expansive potential of all children.

"They shock the world, they shock everybody," he said. "That's what's exciting. It gives them a platform, an opportunity to show the United States who they are and what they can accomplish."

Grimes explained how these children come from a background with little education and few hopes for a better future. When a child is given even a meager chance to learn and grow, he will excel.

As host families and other individuals meet these young boys with their good manners, athletic prowess, intellectual potential, and wonderful musical abilities, most find them "overwhelming."

"They are not the exception," Grimes said. "They are the norm. I want people to see who it is they have the opportunity to help."

While in the area, the boys will perform in area ele-



The Zambian Acapella Choir will have six performances in the Joplin Area.

- Sunday, Nov. 15, 10:30 a.m., Calvary Baptist Church, Neosho
- Sunday, Nov. 15, 6 p.m., Fellowship Baptist Church, Joplin
- Monday, Nov. 16, 7 p.m., Webster Hall Auditorium
- Wednesday, Nov. 18, 6:30 p.m., Harmony Heights Baptist Church, Joplin
- Sunday, Nov. 22, 8:15 and 10:45 a.m., Christ's Community United Methodist Church, Joplin
- Sunday, Nov. 22, 6 p.m., First Baptist Church, Carthage
- The group will also be performing at Silver Dollar City, Branson during the Christmas Festival.

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## OUR EDITORIAL

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

## Them there's fightin' words

**N**ow that the Board of Regents has officially approved Missouri Southern's request for a status and name change, the next hurdle to clear is the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education. College President Julio Leon will make a formal proposal to the CBHE Dec. 9 in Jefferson City.

The nine members of the CBHE will find that Southern has the unequivocal support of all its constituents — students, faculty, alumni, and even the Joplin City Council and the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce. It remains to be seen whether officials from Southwest Missouri State University, Southeast Missouri State University, or maybe even the University of Missouri will lobby the CBHE to reject Southern's request.

If CBHE approval is gained, the next step would be for one of the Joplin-area legislators to introduce a status/name change bill to the General Assembly in January. Again, opposition could come from educators and legislators in the Springfield, Cape Girardeau, and Columbia areas.

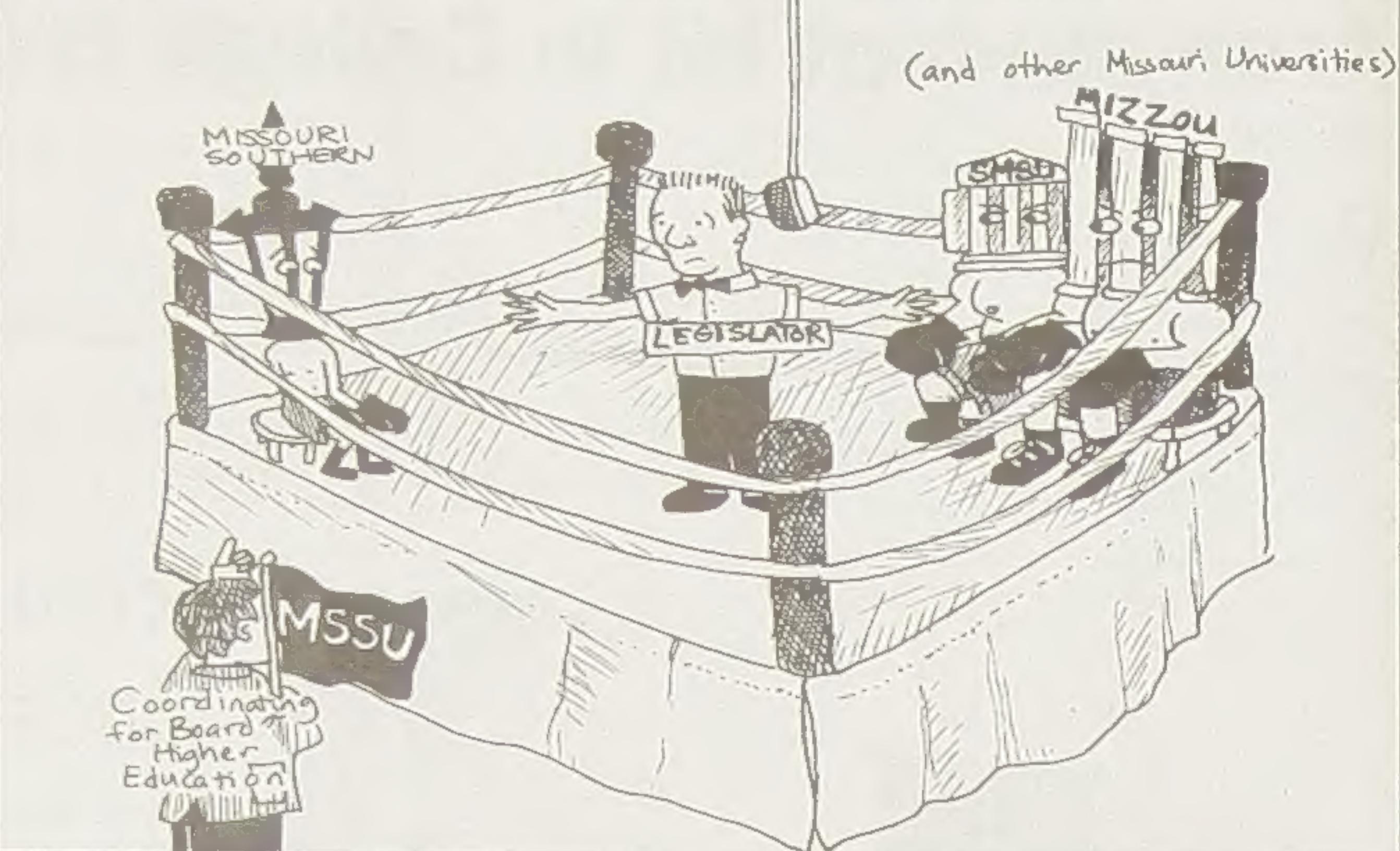
In a worse-case scenario, the House and Senate would approve a change to university status for Missouri Southern but reject the desire to become "Missouri Southern State University." The names "Joplin State University" or the "University of Joplin" might be offered as compromises, but it's now evident that the campus community would rather fight than switch.

The notion that "Missouri Southern State University" implies a service area that stretches across southern Missouri all the way to the Missouri Bootheel is hogwash. Our southwest Missouri contingent of legislators must convince their counterparts across the state that Missouri Southern as a university would not infringe on anyone else's territory.

Missouri Southern is our brand name and must not be relinquished in some deal cut in the waning hours of next session's General Assembly. How accepting would the communities of Carthage and Neosho be to "Joplin State University?" And how accepting would our thousands of alumni be to find out that the school listed on their diplomas no longer exists?

If it comes to a battle royal over the Missouri Southern name, it's a fight we had better win. □

## ANDREA'S ANGLE



## IN PERSPECTIVE

## Call to arms for increased student interaction

**A**s we move toward the new millennium with the prospect of being Missouri Southern State University, let us take a look at how we in athletics can make the jump to the next level.

A solid foundation has been laid with the addition of the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center in addition to fantastic recruiting classes by our athletic teams. That will be a great start. When Southern entered the MIAA in 1980, its facilities were among the best in the conference. Slowly, with the addition of new facilities



**Rhonda Fauss**  
Sports Marketing

and upgrades of current ones at other universities (see Emporia State, Northwest Missouri State, Central Missouri, etc.), Southern's facilities rank at or near the bottom of every area. This will change in June 1999 when the Leggett & Platt Athletic Center opens and Southern takes its place among the best in the conference from a facilities standpoint.

Facilities, however, do not make the program. People make the program. New Lion football coach Greg Gregory said it correctly during a recent booster function when he said that players will never win here until they become a "Lion." That means having pride in the athletic programs and in the university itself. That comes from within the university, from the athletic departments,

from alumni, and from fans.

The Lionbacker booster club this summer made a renewed push to recruit new members, focusing on alumni, and as a result, is at an all-time high in both members and revenue. Attendance is at an all-time high at Southern athletic events, so the fans and alumni are doing their part.

Southern's athletic teams in every sport boast not only great, young athletes, but more importantly, great, young people on and off the field, so the teams are doing their part.

So much of athletics is emotion, and nothing charges an athletic team up more than taking the field or court to an outrageous, loud, boisterous crowd. The challenge goes out to the student body and within the Southern

family. Now that we have a "big time" facility on the way, it's time we create a "big time" atmosphere.

That means we need the support of the student body and the Lion Pride Pep Band at all Missouri Southern games.

There is an old saying that reads, "The strength of the pride is the lion, and the strength of the lion is the pride." Go to the game and get crazy. If people look at you like you're nuts, just yell louder.

Take pride in your university. Go and support your athletic teams. Be proud to wear your Southern sweatshirt around town. Above all else, be proud to be a lion and remember that it all starts with you, from the atmosphere to the support, to the pride in the programs and university. □

## EDITOR'S COLUMN

## Situation delivers better understanding of drug, alcohol addictions

**A**lcoholic, drug addict, drunk, druggie conjure images of individuals who should "clean up" or "pull-themselves-up-by-their-bootstraps."

Spending a week for family and friends at a substance abuse treatment facility influenced my own attitude. Though a close relative suffered with this affliction, my greatest lessons came from other patients and their friends and families.

Upon arrival, I viewed patients differently on Sunday than at week's end on Friday. As I listened to their stories and felt their compassion, layers of anger, disgust, and frustration with an unknown evil sloughed off in lay-



**Rhonda Clark**

Assistant Editor

ers. The personal narratives of the chemically dependent revealed the tortured spirit inside. What once was thought of as a lack of willpower now classifies itself as a disease afflicting, by some accounts, millions in the United States.

Chemical dependency is a disease with no social boundaries. It affects the poor, middle class, and well-to-do. It can be found in doctors, lawyers, and nurses. It affects teachers and students in primary, secondary, and higher education. Restaurant workers, mechanics, and business people number its victims as do mothers, fathers, sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, husbands, wives, friends, and coworkers. Most people are acquainted with a substance abuser sometime during their life.

New research has shown a definite chemical difference in people who become dependent and those who don't.

Journalist Bill Moyers highlighted current research and treatment options in the highly publicized five-part series, "Close to Home," on PBS. This explains why one person at the bar pushes back after two beers, while another can't stop with 10. These individuals did not choose this path in life, it chose them. Just like a diabetic or cancer patient, the chemically dependent suffer from an ailment over which they have no physical control, but they can make a personal commitment to seek treatment.

As chemically dependent individuals exist in all walks of life, so too do stereotypical attitudes and biases.

In a March 14 issue of the *Lamar Democrat*, State Rep. Martin "Bubs" Hohulin (R-Lamar) stated, "It has always chapped me that we spend \$52 million tax dollars in ADA (Alcohol and Drug Abuse division of Missouri's Department of Mental Health) when we

have people with legitimate needs that are not self-induced."

Few if any persons plan to become chemically dependent, and as yet, there is no precursor or cure.

Chemically dependent individuals suffer physical and mental anguish. The negative effects to family, friends, coworkers, and the victims of impaired drivers accent how far reaching this disease extends.

The 12 Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous has proven a successful treatment, and the time for help is individualized. An alcoholic once stated not even the possibility of death can deter the craving.

The relapse rate is almost 90 percent, but many eventually find their way into the recovery stage of treatment. Education and research remains essential for a problem affecting all walks of life in some manner. Paramount is providing resources and quality facilities for the young and old reaching out. □

## YOUR LETTERS

The Chart welcomes letters from readers. Letters must be signed and include a phone number for verification. Letters should be 300 words or fewer. Submit letters to The Chart office on the third floor of Webster Hall, fax them to (417) 625-9742, or send via e-mail. Our e-mail address: [Chart@mail.mssc.edu](mailto:Chart@mail.mssc.edu). Letters are due by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition.

## New name should look beyond skin color

I was struck by the hypocrisy of the article in the Oct. 10 Editor's Column about prejudice when the previous week's column by Jeff Wells, titled "Nip in the bud some wild name change rumors," was so shockingly racist.

In his column, Wells states, "While it would be a fitting tribute to honor George Washington Carver with the name of the university, it would be more misleading than the label 'college'... Southern does not have the significant minority population the name would suggest."

Carver's immense contributions to American agriculture have nothing to do with the color of his skin. Because few, if any, American universities have a predominantly black student population, by Wells' logic, it would be inappropriate to name any university after any admirable black man, including Colin Powell.

Even Lincoln University, the university which, when named, consisted entirely of black students, is named after a white guy. Does our society think it's inappropriate to name any university after a great man who just happens to be black?

What is especially disheartening is that Wells is probably unaware of his own racism. His comment is an example of the institutionalized racism that permeates our society — a covert racism that is hard to identify and combat. As long as we view individuals such as Carver or Powell as black Americans who are great, rather than simply as great Americans, we are not making progress toward expunging racism and prejudice from our lives.

**Dr. John S. Knapp, Jr.**  
Professor of geophysics

## It's simply a big name game

Brainstorming about a university name for MSSC is an entertaining and exciting pastime! As we search about for relevant names, we naturally think about persons who have made significant contributions to our region or state. And the names being discussed are certainly those of distinguished persons who have had an impact on our history.

However, I am left to wonder why a list of suggested university names does not include the names of prominent women such as Annie Baxter, "Annie Baxter State University," or a prominent black such as

George Washington Carver: "George Washington Carver State University". The brainstorming part of selecting a favored name should be as broad as possible; now maybe it was most of us were just left out of the initial name suggestion steps.

But, I don't like it. In our efforts to become a university, perhaps we have forgotten the concept of diversity and our narrow minded provincialism has been exposed. Maybe the "university" title is undeserved.

**Roger Palge**  
Professor of psychology

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## A CLOSER LOOK

## Fallen Glory

## THE CONNOR

- The Connor Hotel was built in 1906.
- The Connor was a popular R&R locale during the final years of Joplin's Mining era.
- The hotel collapsed November 11, 1978.

## A familiar face



The Lion's head on display outside the Spiva Art Gallery guarded the entrance of the Connor Hotel for over 70 years. The statue was placed on display at the College in the fall of 1985.



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## Tragedy Strikes



The Joplin Globe looked back on the glory years of the Connor and the fateful day the hotel collapsed, killing two. These two pages were part of a twelve-page special section published by The Globe 18 days after the disaster.

- Scheduled for implosion on November 12, 1978, the Connor met extinction a day early after demolition crews weakened steel support structures causing the 72-year-old building to collapse.
- Two members of the demolition crew were killed during the crash. Another was trapped in the rubble for three days before being discovered by Harold Snyder, a volunteer rescue worker.
- The 50-year-old annex to the Connor remained intact until demolition on November 19.

## Memories remain from hotel tragedy

By JEFF WELLS  
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Twenty years ago this week, the Connor Hotel, a 70-year-old Joplin landmark, collapsed prematurely while workers were preparing to demolish the structure.

Two men were killed in the disaster on Nov. 11, 1978, while another was trapped beneath tons of rubble for 82 hours.

Alfred "Butch" Summers, then 30, Joplin, was rescued from the basement of the Connor Nov. 14, 1978. He was trapped beneath the debris of the nine-story building without contact for 77 hours.

Summers, a construction worker, was in the basement of the hotel at the time of the collapse. He was part of a crew weakening the building's steel structure to ease implosion.

Summers told reporters after the rescue he thought only the roof of the basement had collapsed. He suffered a fractured pelvis and three fractured left ribs.

Sir Joel, a German shepherd trained to find disaster victims, located the general area where Summers was found.

Sir Joel worked for Law Enforcement K-9 Search and Rescue, Inc. His trainer, Raymond Garner, said wind and rain during the rescue hampered the search for scents.

Harold Snyder, superintendent of Snyder Brothers Construction Co., Joplin, found Summers.

"The private contractors played a big role in the search and in recovering the bodies," said Harold McCoy, Joplin public works director.

McCoy said prior to the disaster, Joplin had inventoried the equipment of private businesses in preparation for a potential tragedy.

"We cannot have all the tools ourselves," he said. "We have to depend on the private sector."

The National Guard also played a key role in the rescue.

"It became a total community effort," McCoy said. Harry Guinn, assistant fire chief, was the first to contact Summers 20 years ago. Five hours after establishing communication, Summers was removed from the scene and transported to St. John's Regional Medical Center.

On Nov. 16, 1978, the bodies of Fredrick C. Coe III, 29, Topeka, Kan., and Thomas Edward Oates, 49, Jenks, Okla., were pulled from the Connor ending a 127-hour search effort. Both men appeared to have died instantly.

The hotel was the vision of Thomas C. Connor, Joplin's first millionaire.

Construction began in 1906 and the hotel opened in 1908 after construction costs of \$750,000. Connor died in 1907 and never saw the hotel open.

As mining blossomed in the Tri-State District, the Connor bloomed.

In 1948, Dolph Shaner wrote that during World War I, "The Connor Hotel lobby became a seething mass of humanity, smoke-filled and conversation-filled. There was no room to sit down and hardly room to stand. One got through the jam with difficulty."

Competition from hotels and motels on Range Line Road forced closure of the hotel on June 28, 1969.

The property was acquired by Library Land Holders Inc., a not-for-profit corporation led by business professionals and community interests, on June 14, 1978. The goal of the organization was to prepare the land for transfer to the ownership of a library board for the construction of the Joplin Public Library.

On July 10, 1978, Library Land Holders awarded the demolition contract to Coy Blagg Wrecking Crew of Tulsa.

Jim Redyke, owner of Dyke Explosive Service Co., Tulsa, was responsible for imploding the building. He worked with Harry Parker, crew superintendent for Blagg, on the project. Although Redyke had been involved in more than 20 implosions, the Connor project was the pair's first collaboration.

Before the collapse Redyke described the structural condition of the building as "rotten."

He planned to use 11 timed primary explosives to bring down the building. None of the explosives were in place when the Connor fell.

The 50-year-old annex of the building was imploded without incident Nov. 19, 1978, bringing to a close a dramatic week in the course of Joplin history.

"Joplin is not unique," McCoy said. "Demolition is a dangerous operation. It has happened in other cities."

Interest in the disaster has remained steady through the years.

"The Connor is one of those subjects we have constant interest in," said Chris Wiseman, Joplin Museum Complex curator.

# Around Campus

## Campus Calendar

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Jeff Billington at 625-9311.



■ Commencement tickets for the December graduation ceremonies will be available November 17 through December 15 in the BSC Box Office.

### Today 13

Southern Discovery Day, tours and activities for potential students

7 p.m.

Volleyball at Northwest Missouri University

### Monday 16

Enrollment begins for students with 30 plus hours

7 p.m.

Zambian Acapella Boys Choir, Webster Auditorium

### Tuesday 17

12:20 p.m.

Missouri Constitution lecture, Webster Hall, Room 210

### Wednesday 18

7 p.m.

CAB Lecture: Lloyd Auerbach, "Paranormal Investigations," Webster Auditorium

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

# Organization houses foreign students

## Program helps soften culture shock

By JANA BLANKENSHIP  
STAFF WRITER

It was a life-changing experience for Dick and Alice Taylor when Alex Berejoni, an international student at Missouri Southern, came to live with them.

He came to live with the Taylors after staying with a family in LaRussell. Dick Taylor said Berejoni's former family's car broke down, and he was having difficulty getting to and from school.

Since Berejoni was involved with the Baptist Student Union at Southern, he was offered the help of Victor Boll, BSU director. Boll called churches around the area and asked for the names of some

local families who might like to house an international student.

"We were happy to do it," Taylor said. "It's been a good experience. Alex is a nice, clean boy and is easy to get along with."

The best part, he said, is actually seeing Berejoni grow in the traditions of being part of the United States and listening to him talk about his family in Russia.

Although Taylor's own sons are grown and moved out, he said they are accepting of Berejoni.

"He participates in a lot of family activities," Taylor said. "The family all receives him."

Berejoni said the family has provided him with much support. He has also enjoyed the cultural experience.

"They help me morally and with my language," Berejoni said. "They also help me with my religious life."

This is the first year the BSU has actually advertised the housing and transportation program, but this service has been in effect for about three years.

The BSU also helps students with green card issues and getting various jobs. Boll said farmers at some of the area churches may need help with certain jobs, or sometimes the churches themselves need help.

"There are 52 churches in the

association," Boll said. "It gives us a pretty big resource."

The No. 1 goal, he said, is to allow international students to experience a healthy aspect living an American life.

"We offer a good Christian setting," Boll said. "There are no families with functional problems. It's a positive experience with traditional American families."

He personally screens each family and student.

"I feel it's my part as the middleman," Boll said.

He interviews both parties and helps them set house rules. Students are informed there will be no drugs, alcohol, or parties. The families are not to force Christianity on the students. They are encouraged to come to some sort of compromise on attending church and family functions.

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*It helps the families learn and respect the culture and country of the students.*

Victor Boll  
BSU director

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The program was designed not only to benefit the students but also the families.

"It helps the families learn and respect the culture and country of the students," Boll said. "I think it's kind of a two-way street."

STUDENT ALUMNI

## Club tries bridging age gap

By JO BETH HARRIS  
STAFF WRITER

The Student Alumni Association (SAA) brings Missouri Southern students and graduates together.

The idea for the club came from a Southern student who heard of other colleges and universities with student- and alumni-oriented clubs.

"I think it's a really good club because we have representatives from all across campus," said Rachel Deyo, senior communications major. "We have athletes on the board, biology majors, and non-traditional students. The drawback is that many of our members are involved in several activities, so it makes it hard to get everyone together."

The SAA, since its conception last year, has been busy with activities throughout the regular school semesters and during the summer. At the beginning of the school year, the SAA provides free T-shirts to incoming freshmen, though not all take advantage of it.

"When they're freshmen they are used to living at home and getting things free," said senior Chris Guillory. "Later, though, when they start living the poor college student life, they appreciate anything they can get free."

In conjunction with the Alumni Association, the SAA hosts Legacy Day. This brings children of Southern alumni to see what a college campus is like and to visit a college class.

The SAA sponsors tailgate parties during football season and participates in Touchdown Alley, which started this year. The SAA also encourages alumni to come to the games to support the Lions and is involved with Homecoming events.

Because of the different events for students and community, the club is a service organization.

Each year the SAA will choose a national or local organization to help. This year the club adopted the National Fire Victims Association. The SAA helps raise money for the association and helps with fund-raisers the NFVA may have.

During finals, students often receive care packages from their parents. These packages are ordered through the SAA.

Last summer the SAA board traveled with alumni and faculty to Florida to watch the space shuttle with Janet Kavandi blast off. When Kavandi came to Southern, the SAA put together the reception for her.

One problem the SAA has is many of its members are seniors who will be graduating in December or May.

"It will be interesting to see what is going to happen after graduation," Deyo said.

One thing that will help the short age is having younger students tell their instructors they are interested in being on the board because membership comes from faculty nomination.

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66 It would be good for students to take advantage of it. 99



David Osborne, senior physical education major, demonstrates the Crash Kramer. A device demonstrates the impact of an automobile crash with and without the use of a safety belt.

## New lab offers health teaching tools

By BRIAN WIRTH  
STAFF WRITER

and obtain ideas to integrate health education with other disciplines in the school.

Not only is the lab for area teachers, it can also be used by students.

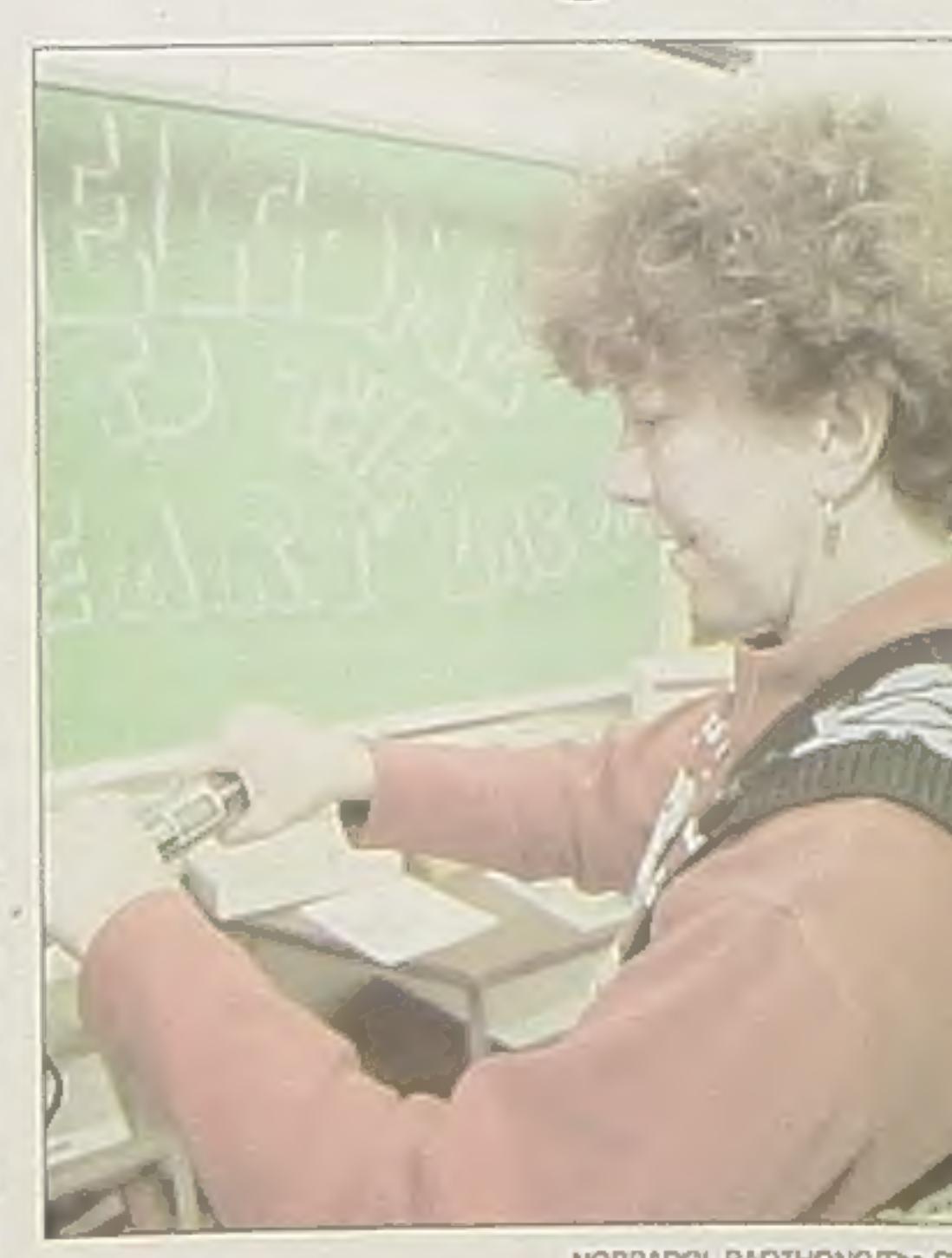
"Students can come here and study or do research for papers using all the material in the lab," said Sheri Beeler, HEART lab co-director.

The HEART lab came about because of the Health and Physical Education Goals 2000 grant received by Missouri Southern. This grant is directly for the southwest Missouri area.

"We got the grant last year, and it took about six months to get all the materials that we have now," Beeler said. "Some of the materials here were donated by the American Cancer Society, plus we have \$2,000 more on its way."

The grand opening of the HEART lab was at last week's health fair, and it is now open for public use.

"This is the first time I have been here, but it looks like the lab has lots of good materials and it would be good for students to take advantage of it," said David Osborne, senior physical education major.



Sheri Beeler demonstrates one of the devices of the HEART lab, which displays information on the heart.

# Program tailors toward vocal students

**Recital provides varied opportunities**

By SUSIE FRISBIE  
ARTS EDITOR

Typically when one thinks of a recital, solo performers most often come to mind, but next week Missouri Southern vocal music students will have the chance to redefine the term.

For the second time in a row, Southern vocal music majors will have the chance to showcase talents in a recital tailored for them.

According to Dr. Susan Smith, assistant professor of music, the

recital will become an annual event featuring select students.

"The recital features students who put significant time into their work and preparation," she said. "They are doing better than average in their work study."

Students performing are Amy Jo Etcheson, Greg Fisher, Cory Gasparich, Monica Hilderbrand, Melinda Simmons, Kendra Smith, Kristy Kyser, Beth Jones, Kelley Mann, Dirk Myers, Kim McIntire, and Tori Vicsik. The songs performed in the recital will be a balance among operatic literature, art songs, and musical theater.

Smith believes these are all styles of music the students are well prepared for because of background in another musical form — classical.

"We teach the classical style of singing," she said. "When you know that, you can sing all styles."

The concert titled "On Stage: Voice Majors in Recital" will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Webster Hall auditorium. Vocal students will perform solos as well as duets, quartets, and ensembles.

Simmons, senior vocal education major, believes the recital structure will be beneficial to all involved.

"You don't always get a chance to hear your classmates perform," she said. "This concert gives us a chance to see a different style of music."

Kyser, junior vocal and instrumental education major, agrees with Simmons.

"A recital featuring voice majors is a good opportunity to perform the literature we have been working on," she said. "It gives everyone a chance to see each other perform and receive feedback."

Kyser believes the recital offers a rare opportunity that will be beneficial for future teachers.

"There will be time as an education music major when I'll obviously have to work with an ensemble as well as solos," she said. "It's very important to get both aspects."

Gaining confidence is just one positive response the students can receive from such a performance, according to Smith.

"Hopefully, it'll be an opportunity for the students for another public performance in which they can really test themselves," she said.

Though Simmons believes the solos benefit the performers, the ensembles do the same for the audience.

"It's always easier to do an ensemble because you have someone on stage to be your support," she said.

"There are people to interact with. Interaction with others helps convey the message. It's important for audience members to realize the music's true meaning."

MUSIC DEPARTMENT



SUSIE FRISBIE/The Chart

Dirk Myers keeps himself busy as a musician, a student assistant in the residence halls, and recently as a sight reader for the choir at First Emmanuel Church.

## Myers manages work, school

By CASSIE HOMBS  
STAFF WRITER

If being involved in extracurricular college events is a pastime for most students, Dirk Myers may as well make a major of it.

This senior music education major, who many will remember as the be-bopping scat who took second place (accompanied by the jazz band) at this year's Homecoming talent show, says music has always been his life.

"When I was little, I used to tell my mom that I wanted to be a professional singer and sing on the radio someday," Myers said. "Music has always been a part of my life."

That's pretty clear to people who know him. Instructors and students are impressed with the talents of this Thayer, Kan., native who came here last year after completing two years at Neosho County Community College. Myers was offered several sizable scholarships at large universities, but this member of the track team, jazz band, and chamber choir decided to make Missouri Southern his home.

"I chose Missouri Southern because of my first impression of the College," he said. "It's laid back, everyone's friendly, and I didn't want to go to a stuck-up school."

"I really like the educators here, especially the music professors. They're always willing to help you with anything. They're your friends as well as your teachers, and you respect that."

The feeling is mutual. Bud Clark,



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Myers (right) spends time talking with other residents in Blaine Hall. He has recently been nominated to attend a leadership conference.

director of choral activities, calls him a "delightful" student.

"Nothing seems to throw him," Clark said. "He's willing to try everything, and goes at it 100 percent. He's the ideal student."

Along with his commitments to music and athletics, this 21-year-old has another large responsibility weighing on his shoulders. He oversees about 50 males in the residence halls.

"I'm an S.A. (student assistant) in Blaine Hall," Myers said. "I try to keep everybody in line over there."

He appears to be doing a good job, considering his recent nomination from Southern to attend a leadership conference for student assistants in Jefferson City next semester. As if his head wasn't spinning enough from all

his other commitments, Myers recently nabbed a job as a sight reader for the choir at First Emmanuel Church in Joplin.

"I have no free time," Myers said. "But I do like to draw as a hobby."

A positive outlook on life is what keeps him going everyday.

"I try not to have a negative attitude about anything," he said. "Everything's equal, everything's fun. I try to look at the bright side of things. I've realized the more people you like, the more people like you."

Myers says his plans for the future are unknown, although the radio gig is still lingering in his mind. Right now he is focusing on finishing school.

"I try not to look too far ahead," he said. "I just live day by day."

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SPECIAL TO THE CHART/Polygram Films

## Things' gives dark ride

Black comedy proves entertaining

**VERY BAD THINGS** (Polygram Films) — When a freak sexual mishap ends in the death of the bachelor party stripper, things turn very bad.

*Very Bad Things*, which opens nationwide Nov. 25, is a comedy at its blackest.

*Very Bad Things* supports an all-star cast of both film and television veterans including Christian Slater, Cameron Diaz, Daniel Stern, Jon Favreau, Jeremy Piven, Jeanne Tripplehorn, and Leland Orser.

The storyline starts when five friends, Kyle (Favreau), Boyd (Slater), Adam (Stern), Michael (Piven), and Morton (Orser), head for Las Vegas for Kyle's bachelor party, a prelude to his impending marriage to the lovely Laura (Diaz).

It's evident when the cocaine and alcohol make their appearance at the party that things are headed down the tubes.

When Michael's head-bashing romp with the stripper/prostitute ends in her early demise, you might think the worst is over, but that is only the beginning of a sick, demented, roller-coaster ride.

The set of the movie adds a necessary part to its dark yet comical nature. The neighborhood where it takes place appears to be a cross between the one in *Poltergeist* and *E.T.* This is a definite slice of irony.

There also appears to be a twisted turn on the 1970s with gold-star wallpaper and some bad decorating. Of course these out-of-date styles did not hurt the attempt of this film. It just added to its depressing backdrop.

The dark plot and storyline of the film are matched only by its cold humor and cynical emotions of the characters.

Stern and Piven play dueling brothers in this film and appear to be falling into the lands of typecasting. Stern plays a high-strung, anxious man similar to roles he has played in *City Slickers* and *Home Alone*. Piven portrays an over-sexed loser, which parallels his role in *Ellen*.

Slater also has a role that is somewhat similar to others he has had in the past as in *Heathers* and *True Romance*, where he played cold-blooded murderers looking out for their own benefit. But he has been able to escape typecasting by playing varying roles in other films.

Diaz takes the role of a person who seems to be 12 years old when it comes to her emotions. In the film, you quickly learn she won't let anything get in the way of her forthcoming marital vows. Her blind-sided persistence on this one aspect of her life seems to add a gleam of joy to the viewer when the final outcome arrives.

It appears as though her part in the movie was relatively small even though her name was highly publicized. At the same time her character was a vital part to the climax of the film.

Triplehorn's character is the only one with any apparent common sense, which just gets her into trouble.

Favreau's character is the innocence in the middle of the trouble. Throughout the twist and turns, all he cares about is marrying the woman he loves.

In his first directorial stint, Peter Berg has created a film that is a black comedy gem. It could be seen as a more modern and extreme version of films like *Arsenic and Old Lace* and more directed toward a younger generation than those like *Serial Mom*.

Without a doubt, the pure shock of the film will bring a momentary smile to the face of even the most rigid individual. The quick and sudden demented twist the plot takes keeps you interested in what is going to happen next.

## Arts Calendar

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Susie Frisbie at 625-9311.



■ The Spiva Art Gallery's annual Southern Showcase, an exhibit which displays the artwork of Missouri Southern students will run from the 16th to the 24th.

**Saturday**

**14**

7:30 p.m.—

All district Choir Concert,  
Taylor Auditorium

**Tuesday**

**17**

7 p.m.—

The Southwest Missouri Arts Counsel and the Joplin Historical and Mineral Museums present *The Holy Man at the Joplin Museum Complex* in Schifferdecker Park.

7:30 p.m.—

On Stage: Vocal Majors in Recital features solo as well as ensemble performances.

The recital will be held in Webster Hall Auditorium.

**Thursday**

**19**

3 p.m.—

Poetry reading, Joy Dworkin, Bill Kumbler, Kim Homer at the Spiva Art Gallery

# Cyclist teaches languages

By DANIEL LYNCH  
STAFF WRITER

**A**fter a decade in America, Dr. Markus Muller, assistant professor of German and French, still can't find anything like his mother's homemade German food.

Muller, who recently moved to Missouri for a position at Missouri Southern, has more trouble finding native German dishes in Joplin than other American cities he has visited.

"It was easier in Los Angeles," Muller said. "In L.A., I had a German butcher around the corner and a German grocer, so I could get almost anything. Here in Joplin, it is a little harder."

Muller doesn't miss German food as much these days, but he still misses those specialties his mother would fix for him.

In other areas, however, he has adjusted to American life.

"Since I have been here 10 years, there really aren't any striking things anymore," Muller said.

He came to the United States a decade ago on a one-year exchange program scholarship to the University of Washington. He chose to stay in America and pursue studies in French literature.

He went on to earn a master's degree from Kansas University and a doctorate from the University of California-Los Angeles. He also taught at these institutions.

His interests outside of teaching are mainly centered around recreational

sports and motorcycles. Muller, who has been riding for 20 years, owns three motorcycles.

He likes older bikes, especially Kawasakis. He is happy to report that aside from minor scrapes and bruises, he has never had a serious accident on a motorcycle.

With Muller's German heritage and background in French studies, he believes he is qualified to teach both German and French classes.

The program (German and French) is in the process of expanding and growing," Muller said. "In the fall of '99, Southern plans to offer a German and a French major. That is why they hired me."

"I can teach both classes, and that way they didn't have to hire a German teacher and a French teacher."

He also believes in the importance of Southern's international mission and multi-cultural education.

"Something I think people all over the world will have to reckon with is the major changes going on over there [in Europe]," Muller said. "Many consider themselves Europeans rather than just French or Germans. I have always considered myself a European."

"Since Southern has an international mission, it is a very modern school. I think all students should take advantage of the foreign languages offered here."

Muller's interest is to meet more people at the College and around Joplin in order to share his international knowledge with others. □



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

Originally from Europe, professor, Dr. Markus Muller, enjoys riding Kawasakis and misses German dishes.

## ACCOUNTING

# Meyer puts puzzle pieces together

By RENEE WOOLSEY  
CHART REPORTER

**D**igging around in closets is just a part of her job. Carolyn Meyer, fixed asset and accounting clerk, makes sure equipment for instructors gets to where it is needed.

"Tracking down missing equipment is like putting a puzzle together," she said.

Meyer maintains a database with information about the equipment on campus and where it is located.

As the accounting clerk, she helps with purchasing and making budget adjustments.

Her previous job was working in accounting for a private industry. The job was stressful and required her to work many overtime hours.

"I came to Missouri Southern looking for a change," Meyer said.

"It is the variety of the job that keeps it interesting, tracking down the equipment and looking into the unusual places that add the spice."

When hired nine months ago, her supervisor stressed good public relations.

This, along with being a part of the team, makes her feel like she belongs.

"I have worked in a lot of different places, and the best thing about Southern is the people," Meyer said.

While not at work, she is busy with her family and other interests. She has been married to her husband, Jerry, for 36 years. They have three married children and five grandchildren.

She enjoys early morning walks, playing the piano, and fishing. Most of all, she likes spending time with her grandchildren.

Meyer and her husband take a week-long vacation trip once a year.

This year they plan to go to New England.

Keeping a personal philosophy of life has helped her to accomplish goals in her job and personal life.

"I believe that you need to keep a positive outlook," Meyer said. □

## MISSOURI SOUTHERN TELEVISION

# Television broadcasting excites engineer

By VINCE SWEENEY  
CHART REPORTER

**D**onald C. Ross, broadcast engineer at Missouri Southern Television, believes Major League Baseball had one of its greatest seasons in a long time.

Ross especially was pleased with the effort put forth by Mark McGwire. Some 60 Cardinal games can be seen throughout the season on MSTV. One of the many jobs Ross has is to ensure these games get on the air.

"One of the great things about Missouri Southern Television is that you can see the Cardinals' and Royals' baseball games," he said. "When our satellite was hit by lightning back in July, I couldn't believe the number of people who asked me when the Cardinals and Royals would be back on the air."

Ross has been a Cardinal fan all his life. Some of his favorite players from years past have been Stan Musial and Lou Brock. He remembers his childhood days when he would listen to Jack Buck and Harry Caray.

Ross was born and raised in Granby. After graduating from high school, he moved to Kansas City where he attended an electronics institute for two years. In 1972, he came to Joplin and began working for KODE-TV.

He started loading commercials and slides and then went to filming, switching, videotaping, and maintaining equipment. He spent his last six years as chief engineer.

"After 25 years with KODE, I thought this job was a good opportunity to advance myself and get more education," he said.

"With high-definition television, I figured I would be more secure with a job like this because colleges aren't going to close."

Broadcasting was not the first career choice for Ross. It was the first job he could get, and he stuck with it. He believes all broadcasting is tied in with electronics. Other than television, he takes an interest in just about any electronic device.

Ross has learned that in his line of work, some traveling is involved. He attended Sony School in California when he was with KODE-TV. He has also gone to National Association of Broadcasting conventions in Las Vegas for five years.

When he is not traveling or working, Ross enjoys spending as much time with his family as possible. He has a wife, a son, and a daughter. His wife is a writer and teaches writing via correspondent school. His daughter, Autumn, graduated from Southern in May. His son, Nathan, is currently a junior at Southern.

One of the advantages of this new job for Ross is how close he lives to his office.

"I am only about 500 yards from Missouri Southern, which makes this job even more convenient," he said. "I started July 16, 1998, and am enjoying it."

Ross enjoys watching sports and particularly enjoys hunting and fishing anytime he gets the chance. He also enjoys listening to music as well, particularly big bands like Glenn Miller.

"I spend a lot of time at home redoing old furniture," he said. "I also have a pretty good size yard to mow by hand."

In the short amount of time at Southern, Ross seems to be enjoying it.

"The main reason I like this field is because there are a lot of aspects that excite me, and public service makes me feel good," he said. "I don't plan on leaving soon because the people are friendly and easy to please, and there's a lot of equipment here at this studio I only wish I had at KODE."

"If there is one thing I could change, though, I would start over again and get more education. If I could just give one piece of advice to the students of Missouri Southern, it would be to stay in school."

"Get the education while you are young because it can lead to anything." □



JEFF WELLS/The Chart

Donald Ross, Southern broadcast engineer enjoys hunting, fishing, restoring old furniture, and spectator sports.

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**GOODE:** Award to be presented at Governor's conference

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He also marks his promotion to professor two years ago as another highlight of his career.

College President Julio Leon said Goode is deserving of the award.

"After 30 years he continues to be one of the outstanding professors on this campus, from not only student evaluations, but comments you hear from students and faculty," he said.

In his early years at the College, Goode was business admin.

Goode found these individuals influential in his career, and he has

another formula for accomplishment.

"I think the reason I have been reasonably successful is because I truly like to teach," Goode said. "I have yet to meet a successful teacher that doesn't enjoy the job."

The easy accessibility of this instructor is evidenced by the students and faculty who regularly pop into his office doorway. Goode works with students to solve problems with their course work, but offers some universal advice.

"When I come to class, I'm prepared to teach and my advice to them (students) is they should come to class prepared to learn," he said.

Goode believes students who take a full course load and work 30 to 40 hours a week are cheating themselves, and he refuses to lower his teaching standards because a student is overextended.

Goode jokes with his students about retiring and hiring on as a Wal-Mart greeter some day, but for now this Southern instructor finds the day-to-day classroom activity a

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**Larry Goode**  
Professor, business

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top priority.

"I like the simple things of life," Goode said. "I live on the golf course, and I like the outdoors. I like to backpack, and I like to teach. When I quit liking to teach, I'm going to quit and do something else." □

**BOARD:** Regents to offer name to Coordinating Board

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Leon will present a proposal to the CBHE at a meeting Dec. 9 in Jefferson City.

The College hopes to receive a recommendation from the CBHE before asking the legislature to introduce a bill requesting a status change from college to university.

"We've gone halfway through [the legislature] before," Carlton said. "Hopefully, with a recom-

mendation from the Coordinating Board, we can go all the way."

At Wednesday's Board of Regents meeting, Leon disclosed the results of a recent alumni survey.

He said 96 percent of 3,600 responses were in favor of a status change, 94 percent of which wanted to keep Missouri Southern as part of the name. Leon said 130 of the responses were against a status change.

Leon stressed Southern's worthiness of the status change. One

argument included a comparison to Truman State University. Truman changed its name from Northeast Missouri State University in 1995.

"Truman offers everything we offer, with the exception of six courses," he said.

"But on the other hand, they have five courses we don't. We are pretty even."

Our quality is equal to that of others. All of the evidence is there to qualify us for a status change." □

**PARTNERS:** Trip garners new friends for College

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is just in the planning stages. Accreditation issues may hinder the semester exchange program.

The organization of public

and higher education over there is a lot different," Martin said.

"As long as we are teaching the class and it's our course, that's not an issue.

If we send our students over

there for a semester, it becomes an issue."

As for the summer abroad program, both the art department and school of business plan to take interested students to the Folkhögskola this summer. □

**CHOIR:** Zambians provide multitude of musical talents

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mentary, middle, and high schools.

The five area church events and the Southern one will be open to the public, with donations accepted. Donations cover the costs of travel and lodging.

Individual educational sponsorship of a child can be obtained for \$2 per month, with the entire proceeds going for curriculum and supplies. Contributions can also be

given to the ZAC (Zambian Acapella Choir) program. These funds are earmarked for classroom construction, furniture, and maintenance.

The ZAC contributions are also without any administrative fees. The entire amount goes to help the children.

For a child to enter the school started by Grimes and his wife, Jane, the cost is only \$2 per month. But in a country where the average daily income is \$2, the cost quickly

becomes prohibitive, especially if a family has several children.

The Grimes are primarily motivated to "energize the masses to help the masses, with everybody doing a little bit to help."

The masses are poverty stricken," Grimes said. "I see the children of the world as being short-changed.

Children all have colossal ability and strengths and are capable of so much. We need to give them an opportunity to have hope." □



NOPPADDOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

Members of the Joplin High School Strolling Strings roamed the Connor Ballroom during Tuesday night's patron's scholarship banquet. The banquet is held every year for recipients and their patrons.

**SENATE:** officers still searching for junior representative

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Dr. Doris Elgin, who represented the Missouri Southern Nursing Award and the Fern Wilder Memorial scholarship at the banquet, is a former instructor of nursing at Southern.

"It's been very gratifying to me because it's very dear to me, especially nursing," she said. "I loved nursing, and it's meant a lot to me to be able to give the award."

Knowing scholarship recipients in her field has also been rewarding for Elgin.

"I see them when I go to other events or visit the hospital," she said. "So, really, by the time they graduate, we're colleagues."

"I still believe in the program and I believe it makes a real contribution to the community. I like to be a part of that."

Receiving a patron's scholarship is not only helpful to junior psychology major Sara Williams financially, but she thinks patrons provide a good example.

"I think they are people who are very concerned about other's futures, and they want to empower people with an education," Williams said. "They're great people."

Leon addressed the influence patrons can have on students during his remarks at the dinner.

"I hope that recognition of their generosity, our students will realize they are not only investing in their [student's] future, but setting an example," he said.

"And, when the time comes, they will be able to be good citizens." □

**SENATE:** officers still searching for junior representative

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to distinguish Southern from two-year colleges.

Senator Nicole Hollenberg reported the Academic Policies Committee recommended a proposal that would lower graduation requirements from 128 hours to 124 hours. She said the change was necessary to attract students.

"If it takes effect, it will be in the

next catalog," Hollenberg said.

The vacant junior representative position was not filled. The position will now be open to any interested student who attends Wednesday's meeting. Wednesday will be the final Senate business meeting for the semester.

DeGoria said the Senate will discuss what to do with the \$50 it received for the fourth-place float in the Homecoming parade.

In other business, senators will

hear a request from the Collegiate Music Educators National Conference. The club asked for \$1,000 to attend the Missouri Music Educators Convention Jan. 28-30.

Last week the Senate approved a \$1,000 allocation request by Koinonia Christian Campus Ministry.

Three senators were absent from proceedings: Brandon Fuhr, Rob Huffman, and Brea Vancil. □

**MISSOURI CONSTITUTION TEST**

For students who need to take the test on the Missouri Constitution, please observe the following schedule:

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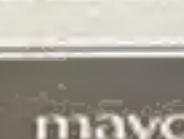
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# Here's a story...

## A very Brady season

To the tune of the Brady Bunch...

...of a coach named Amy (Townsend), who is bringing up some fast, athletic girls. All of them have hearts of gold, like their coaches, and only one has curly hair.

### Comfortable

It's that time of year once again. For the last eight months or so, the sound of a bouncing ball, the clang of a brick and the tweet of the whistle have been missed.

And even though the NBA has not started its season, it is not going to stop us from starting ours.

We're down to a day when we can enter the warm, comfy confines of Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium from the nippy cold to buy a coke from the softball players at the concession stand and watch a game.

Second year head coach Amy Townsend and her troops will take the court hoping to put behind them last year's 4-22 record. From watching practice on Wednesday afternoon, the Lady Lions have



By Andre L.  
Smith  
Sports Editor

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Phillips, Olson top long list of returners

By ANDRE L. SMITH  
SPORTS EDITOR

A lack of maturity and mental toughness played a major part in the Missouri Southern basketball team's 2-7 record on the road last year. After going 13-13 last season, head coach Robert Corn said his team has enough experience to win the road games needed for success.

"You've got to win your home games and must have confidence when you go on the road," Corn said. "There has been no sign of selfishness on this team, and they're concerned about winning. We haven't had the toughness to

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Freshman highlights young Lady Lion roster

By ANDRE L. SMITH  
SPORTS EDITOR

Jayme Callahan could not have come at a better time for the Missouri Southern women's basketball team.

The loss of their two-guard to graduation left head coach Amy Townsend and assistant coach Cathy Shoup with a slight problem — no true point guard. Callahan, a 5-6 freshman from Rosary High School in Florissant, Mo., will take on the duty of handling the ball for the Lady Lions.

"Our mentality is to get the ball

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INDOOR TRACK

## New faces, senior leadership provide strong base for indoor track season

By GINNY DUMOND  
MANAGING EDITOR

When winter weather moves in, so does the Missouri Southern track team. This year's indoor track team will begin practicing for the winter season after Thanksgiving and will compete until practice begins for outdoor season.

The men's team is hoping to build on the five indoor records broken last season with a young team of fresh faces.

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Runners include veterans Jay Kocks and Jake Wells

along with freshmen Lee Wood and Michael Sutter.

Farther into the middle distance spots, Rutledge says he's looking for strong performances from Wells and Brian Hill.

"Hopefully, we'll be riding the shoulders of those people," he said.

Distance is rich with freshmen and sophomores, and Chris Morris and Steve O'Neal are expected to step up and take a real leadership position.

"Our sprinter corps looks so much better this year," Rutledge said. "We've got Jimmy Miller, a hard-working freshman from West Plains, Carlton Green from St. Petersburg (Fla.), and LaMonte Styles."

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Eric Butery, Lee Heinerickson, and Dirk Myers in leading the team of throwers.

With nine broken indoor records and a third-place conference finish last season, the Lady Lions are looking for a strong in-veteran leadership.

"Our senior group has been the nuts and bolts of our team for years," said Patty Vavra, women's track coach. "We should have a really strong base in distance events," she said. "Sonia Eudy and Amanda Harrison were all-conference last year."

Tina Keller, an All-American last spring in the 400 hurdles and a national qualifier in indoor 55 hurdles last season, is returning for the Lady Lions in sprints, and teammate Heather Hoyle will be a returning all-conference sprinter.

Stephanie Wainscott, who was all-conference last season, and Luanae Esera are returning seasoned throwers.

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Sandy Richardson will be competing in the vault after red-shirting last year when it was announced 1998 would be the first year for the vault in NCAA Division II.

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### Sports Scope

## Finding a few good men

Early in November, year in and year out, Robert Corn sounds positive. The Lions' head basketball coach will tell about the fine men he has playing for him. He preaches about his players reaching their potential.

At times they have found success. In 1993 the Lions won the MIAA post-season tournament and earned an NCAA playoff berth. Other times they've floundered with 500 basketball.

This preseason seems a little different. Corn is still positive, he still brags about the people who make up his squad. He still says success is playing to your potential. The difference is in his tone and the childlike glint in his eye.

Robert Corn almost sounds giddy. And he even seems to carry an air of determination about him.

A preseason poll has Southern tied for seventh in the conference. Every coach likes to play the role of the underdog, but when Corn talks about proving people wrong, a naughty look crosses his face. He almost has the look of a young boy about to exactly



By Nick  
Parker  
Editor-in-Chief

what his mother just told him he couldn't.

"I think it is very important to do well this year," he said. "It's been rough for us lately. The last few years haven't been completely satisfying, so I definitely want us to do everything we can to be successful."

On paper, the Lions appear to have the ability to match up with anyone in the league. But factor in a recent season-ending knee injury to senior center Osiris Ricardo along with the absence of proven leadership, and many questions about the Southern squad arise.

Corn admits leadership has been lacking during recent seasons. He's seen some high caliber players wearing green and gold. He's watched some of his players light up a court, but still his team has fallen short of its goals.

A few years ago Eddie Reece won several games on his own, but the team still finished only 12-14. Terrance Sisson used to play as if he belonged in another league, but still team success eluded Sisson and his coach.

This year Corn will look for leadership in seniors Matt Olson, Mario Phillips, Brian Taylor, and Larry Gause. His best bet probably will come via Taylor.

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## The Basketball Bunch



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FOOTBALL

# Injury too much for Cornelsen, hopes for hardship

By ANDRE L. SMITH

SPORTS EDITOR

Fans hoping to catch a glimpse of Missouri Southern quarterback Brad Cornelsen at Truman State on Saturday may be disappointed. The senior quarterback attempted to come back for the final game of this season but fell short. He has, however, opted to apply for a medical hardship, which would give him another season with the Lions.

"We tried him in practice and it was just too painful for him to cut on that foot," said Lion head coach Greg Gregory. "It wouldn't have been a wise decision if we would have played him this late."

One familiar case in which a hardship was approved was with former Lion and current Denver Broncos

receiver Rod Smith in 1992. The injury took place on the first play of Southern's third game that season.

Cornelsen's injury happened as a result of a missed block on the backside of an option play Sept. 26 at Pittsburg State University.

"We were faking to the fullback, and as Brad ran down the line trying to option, the defender's legs whipped around and pinned Brad's foot," Gregory explained. "Brad tried to pull away, and that's when the bones broke."

The rules state that a player must not appear in



Brad Cornelsen

Senior quarterback

more than 20 percent of his team's games in order to be eligible for a hardship. The injury also must be season-ending.

Cornelsen's injury did end his season, but it may have happened eight plays too late. Since the Lions play a 10-game schedule and Cornelsen appeared in three games, Gregory said the odds are against him.

"It's a long shot," he said. "If he doesn't get the extra year, it will be because he played in too many games."

While Cornelsen knows that the odds are against him, he is staying optimistic about the results.

"From what I hear, it sounds like there's a chance," he said. "I'm just going to put it in somebody else's hands."

Cornelsen underwent surgery last spring and was bothered by an eye infection at the start of this sea-

son. He suffered all of this while trying to learn Gregory's offensive scheme and said he never reached his full potential.

"I never felt like I was at a peak," Cornelsen said. "If I got another year, I'd get the shot of running the offense which has improved. The guys are starting to get a feel for the offense."

Should he not get a hardship, Cornelsen said, he would serve as a student assistant next year. The record-breaking quarterback said playing beyond the college ranks is up in the air.

"It hasn't come up, and I don't think about it," he said. "If I play [for Southern] next year, I'll be ready to start coaching when I'm done. I'm not counting on playing after that, but if it comes up, we'll go from there." □

## LADY LIONS: Kenealy and Wyatt provide needed depth

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and it will be an easier transition."

Oldfield is not a stranger to putting the ball through the net. At Adrian High School she poured in 20 points as a senior and 21 as a junior.

"Chara had tremendous numbers in high school and can score," Townsend said.

Guard Mandy Olson returns for her final season with the Lady Lions as one of two seniors. The 5-9 Neosho native is known for her defensive ability. Last year she registered 31 steals and will be looking for leadership on a young team.

After watching her team scrimmage Northeastern State University Saturday, Townsend said she was impressed with her down-low combination of Sara Jones and Stephany Spiker. Last year as a true freshman, Jones started all 20 games for the Lady Lions and led the team in field goal percentage. Thanks to hard work in the off-season, she has improved her strength and endurance.

"Sara is in the best shape she has been in," Townsend said. "I want her to shoot the ball 10 or 12 times a game. She is one of the most fundamental players I've coached."

Spiker, a 5-11 forward, transferred from Johnson County Community College, and according to Townsend, is one of the strongest players on the team.

"Stephany is our only transfer, and she came in ready to play," Townsend said. "She's very strong and a good finisher. She's one of those players who concentrates on rebounding under the basket."

Townsend delighted in the fact that she has good depth this year opposed to last year's 4-22 team.

"I was a little frustrated last year because I never felt

like I had seven players that I could go with every game," she said. "This year we have enough depth that whenever someone needs a breather, they can be substituted."

Junior Lyndsey Kenealy and 6-0 sophomore Stacy Wyatt, both forwards, will provide minutes off the bench. Kenealy played in 25 games last season and was fifth on the team in scoring. Wyatt was second on the team in field goal percentage and played in 24 games.

She said she sees major differences in the play of Southern's post players.

"Our rebounding looks so much better," Wyatt said. "We've got bigger and stronger players now. We are finishing our shots with two players hanging on us."

Freshmen Theresa Hayes and Katie Gariss are young post players who have shown potential early.

"Once Katie gets position on a person, it is hard for them to defend her," Townsend said.

"I am surprised with our freshman post players this year," Wyatt added. "We won't lose much talent on the court when the starters go out."

Senior center Shelby Wyatt will also see action this season.

Mariel Lanza, a 5-10 freshman from Buenos Aires, Argentina; Jessica Reed, a 5-9 freshman from Schell City; sophomore Jen Lawrence; and freshman Maisa Lopez round out Southern's list of guards.

The Lady Lions open their season at 6 p.m. Saturday against cross-town rival Ozark Christian College.

This is the first year that Southern will host a double-header with OCC. Townsend said she likes the addition to the schedule.

"Last year we started out with sort of an unrealistic schedule," she said. "We started out with two highly ranked teams and our confidence got down. Ozark will come here and play hard, and that's what we need." □



Katie Gariss is defended by Stacy Wyatt in an early season practice.

## HOOPS: Guards carry Lions' strength

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Olson said he is ready to take on the responsibility.

"You never plan on these things to happen, but you've got to be ready to step up when they do," he said.

Six-foot-four forward Brian Taylor saw action in all 26 games for the Lions last year and made the most of his opportunities. He was third on the team in steals and fourth in the rebound category.

Republic native Allan Brown was a giant behind the three-point arch last year.

He cashed 34 last season and was second on the team in assists.

Former freshman of the year Carlos Newberry returns after a wrist injury that slowed him down last season.

The 6-5 forward has had the cast taken off his wrist and is shooting the ball well, according to Corn.

"The one thing about Carlos Newberry is that he's a winner," Corn said. "We're asking Carlos to step out on the floor more than he did as a freshman."

"He'll do whatever it takes to get a win for the team. It could be taking a charge, getting on the floor after a loose ball, or hitting a big shot."

Jeremy Uhlmann, a 6-6 sophomore forward from Hollister; Brant Maxwell, a 6-6 freshman forward from Webb City; and Terry Tauai, a 6-3 freshman from Verona, will be depended upon to help take on some of the load in the post.

"Someone out of that trio has got to step up and give us some minutes," Corn said.

Southern's best position this year may very well be the guard spot.

Larry Gause and Eddin Santiago, who redshirted last year, will serve several minutes at the guard spot.

Freshman Terry Shumpert has stepped up his game early in his college career and will see minutes as well.

"Our guard play should be pretty good," Corn said. "I've always thought that if you had good guards you have the chance to have a really good basketball team."

In order to take advantage of their quickness on the perimeter, Southern will spread the floor on offense.

"We'll run a lot of motion and try to utilize Matt on the inside," Corn said. "We'll try to use our penetrating ability to kick out and get inside shots."

The Lions open their season at 8 p.m. Saturday Young Gymnasium against Ozark Christian College.

Olson said Southern is ready to go.

"The attitude of this season is no excuses," he said. "We're trying not to make excuses for things we did in the past."

"It'll be good to see how we stack up against other teams that don't know what we're doing instead of playing against guys you see everyday." □

SOCCER

## Gannon, Mercyhurst down Lions

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Gannon University and Mercyhurst College handed the Missouri Southern soccer team losses in the Hamot Classic, Oct. 31-Nov. 1 in Pennsylvania.

In the first game of the tournament, Gannon (13-4) got two goals from Asmundur Haraldsson, which was enough for the win. Senior Adam Bahr scored at the 15:09

mark, but that would be the only point for Southern.

Gannon had 11 shots on goal in the 2-1 victory to Southern's 12.

On the next day of the tournament, Mercyhurst pounded the Lions 6-0. Southern was able to get only one shot on goal in the loss.

The tournament concluded the season for the Lions, who finished with a 5-11 record.

On the season, Aubrey Martin led

the team in points with 15 and goals with six.

He also had three assists on the year.

Junior Tony Zito and Bahr were second in points with 11 apiece.

Both had five goals and one assist.

Sophomore Kiley Cirillo had seven points on the year with five assists and one goal.

Junior goalkeeper Ben Butler had 80 saves. □

## SMITH: Lady Lions not afraid to go after MIAA opponents

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Jessica Reed also looked good against Southern's starters.

Wyatt said that the team looks much better now than they did at this time last year.

"Our freshman caught on a lot faster than we did last year," Wyatt said. "They have learned the terms and the offense and have been surprising."

Most important, Townsend and assistant Cathy Shoup look more comfortable in their second stint as

Lady Lions coaches.

Now that they've had most of the team for an entire year and have watched them develop during the off season, full confidence in them will come a little easier.

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## PARKER: Work ethic vital

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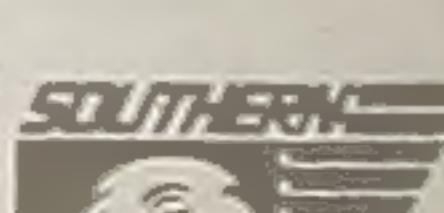
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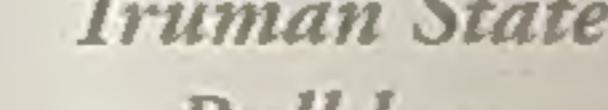


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SPORTS EDITOR

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## CROSS COUNTRY

# Eudy qualifies for national meet

By GINNY DUMOND  
MANAGING EDITOR

The final gun has sounded on the 1998 Missouri Southern cross country season for every runner except one.

Senior runner Sonia Eudy placed second at the regional meet Saturday, which sealed her second consecutive berth into the national meet Nov. 21 in Lawrence, Kan.

To qualify for nationals, a runner must be in one of the top three finishing teams or one of the top two individuals not associated with those teams.

"That was a difficult situation because the four best individuals in the meet were with teams who would not qualify," said Patty Vavra, women's cross country coach.

"So, it was very clear the kind of performance Sonia was going to have to put out.

"The thing that's been most impressive this season is that every meet she's been in this season she's had the same kind of pressure."

The Lady Lions placed fifth in the region, their highest finish in the 10 years of the program. Southern brought home the MIAA championship the week before.

With five freshmen runners competing alongside four returners, Vavra said she couldn't accurately judge the team's capabilities until late in the season.

"With cross country, it is a question of how quickly they would step into the role of a college distance runner, which is really very demanding," she said.

Along with freshmen runners Chasity Hank and Margaret Miklovic and the senior leadership of Amanda Harrison and Eudy, team effort was increased by improved times from juniors Jill Becker and Emily Petty.

"Probably the most satisfying thing for me this year was to see this team come of age and pull together through the conference and regional championships," Vavra said.

Tom Rutledge, men's cross country coach, says his season may go down in the record books as one with a low conference and regional finish, but the numbers don't reflect the team.

"We really had a good season except for the last two weeks," he said.

Before the conference meet, sophomore Steve O'Neal pulled a hamstring and sophomore Brian Hill became sick.

"So that's my No. 2 and No. 3 people," Rutledge said. "You take those people out and we're a lot weaker."

"When we were running with all our guns, we felt like we could run with some of the top conference teams."

Throughout the season, Rutledge says, the men's team excelled at more than running.

"These young men, most pay their own way and they represent Missouri Southern not only in cross country, but in the classroom, too, and that's something that makes my job a lot easier," he said. □

## VOLLEYBALL

## Southern netters victorious

By ANDRE L. SMITH  
SPORTS EDITOR

It was a night of hard kills and good bounces as the Missouri Southern volleyball team rolled to victory over Drury College Wednesday.

Drury did not welcome Southern very nicely in Springfield, according to head coach Debbie Traywick.

"Last time we played Drury they really got to us," she said. "We were just really frustrated and couldn't play, but we were more prepared this time. They weren't as ugly acting here as they were at their place."

Southern won the first game 15-12 before losing the second 15-7. The Lady Lions came back to win the third game 15-11 and cruised to a 15-3 win in the fourth game. The win increased their record to 7-18 overall.

"We did a nice job coming back in game one, then we struggled in game two," Traywick said. "In the third game we came back again and carried the momentum into game four."

In Warrensburg last Thursday night, the Lady Lions fell victim to sixth-ranked Central Missouri State 15-7, 15-9. Southern is now 5-9 in the MIAA.

"We sided out with them really well, but we didn't score points," Traywick said. "That's a problem we had all season. We got behind early in every game and found ourselves trying to come back from six or seven points down. We dug ourselves a hole and couldn't come out of it."

Amber Collins had 29 assists and Erin Fielding added 15 digs. Meredith Hyde led the way in kills with 11. Katie Moore had three blocks.

The Lady Lions handed Pittsburg State their 12th conference loss last Wednesday. Southern took the first two games 15-10, 17-15. Pittsburg State won the third game 15-11, but the Lady Lions came back and won the fourth by the same score.

"We did a really good job of coming back," Traywick said. "I think it was a struggle for both teams tonight. I don't think either team played up to their capabilities, but I'm happy we got a win."

Stephanie Bunker sparked the Lady Lions with 16 digs and three serving aces. Hyde and Rachel Miller led in kills with 14 and 11, respectively. Hyde also led in digs with 17, and Fielding tallied 14.

Moore had seven blocks and Miller added four. Collins had 42 assists.

"We stayed with it and hung in there," Traywick said. "I thought Stephanie Bunker had a great back-row game for us."

Southern ends its season on the road this weekend at Northwest Missouri State and Missouri Western. □

## FOOTBALL



Missouri Southern senior receiver Tyson Sims argues his case after a referee calls an apparent touchdown catch incomplete in early season game at Pittsburg State University. The Lions ended up losing the contest 20-6 and after reviewing the film the next week, it still appeared to Southern coaches that Sims had caught the ball.

## Receiver makes blocking priority

By ANDRE L. SMITH  
SPORTS EDITOR

Senior wide receiver Tyson Sims does not mind blocking downfield to make the offense work. In fact, he makes it his weekly goal to block.

As a result of his efforts in last week's home game against Southwest Baptist University, he was awarded linemen of the week, which is a team honor. Southern assistant coach Matt Harding said Sims is always around a big play.

"He is a hard worker on the playing field and in practice," Harding said.

"If you see someone going into the end zone, there's Tyson two or three steps behind blocking."

In last week's game Sims caught five passes for 82 yards and a pair of touchdowns. However, his presence was most felt in the running game as the Lions gained 334 yards. The Lions have averaged 249.9 yards per game this year, second in the league to Emporia State.

Sims' leadership has motivated his teammates to do better.

"He has helped me run my routes better and is always a motivator," said senior receiver Robert Eudy. "He makes sure we're ready to play. He really gets us wound up before games."

Sims has caught 26 passes for 425 yards and three touchdowns on the year. Head coach Greg Gregory said he admires Sims for making big plays in a predominantly rushing offense.

"His overall play week to week and his downfield

blocking is excellent," Gregory said. "He blocks on the backside and has divulgued himself of any personal glory. He's been a pleasure to coach."

Last year, Sims caught 15 balls for 209 yards and three scores.

He was one of three main receivers in last year's offense and has made the adjustment to being the featured receiver in Gregory's scheme.

"The adjustment wasn't too much different from last year," Sims said. "I'm expected to make big plays as a blocker and a receiver, and I try my hardest to do that on every play."

Not only does Sims play football, but he is also a high jumper on the Southern track team.

In high school, Sims placed second in Texas with a jump of 6-10.

At Tyler Junior College, Sims was not able to participate in track because it did not have a team. He was pleased to find out that Southern fielded one.

"When the coaches came to recruit me, one of the first questions I asked was if they had a track team," Sims said. "I want this last track season to be my best."

Now that Sims only has one more football game to go, head track and field coach Tom Rutledge is looking forward to one thing.

"He is finished with football, so I'm going to have him full-time now," Rutledge said.

Throughout Sims' athletic career his grandmother has been his inspiration. He was raised by his grandmother in Sulphur Springs, Texas, and Sims said she always pushed him to do well.

"She wants me to be the best on and off the field," he said.

"She doesn't just want me to do well on the field but in life also." □

## Lions defeat SBU

By ANDRE L. SMITH  
SPORTS EDITOR

A 21-point first quarter was enough to spark the football Lions (3-6 overall, 3-5 MIAA) to a 45-13 blowout of Southwest Baptist University (2-8, 1-7) last Thursday night at Hughes Stadium.

The Lions jumped out to a 31-7 halftime lead in the contest, televised by Metro Sports of Kansas City. Nine different Lions carried the ball for a total of 57 plays and 334 yards. The rushing attack was led by freshman all-purpose back Joey Ballard, who carried the ball six times for 79 yards and two touchdowns. He added four catches for 72 yards.

"We've got a really good backfield and we're developing well," said Lion head coach Greg Gregory. "We are starting to have the great trust on our team that you strive for all year."

Seth McKinzie completed eight of 10 passes for 126 yards and two scores and rushed for an additional 21 yards. Mark Lloyd also saw action at quarterback and went seven of nine for 66 yards and rushed for 42 yards including a 14-yard score.

On the defensive side, cornerback Earnest Hunter picked off two passes and Shad Burns had a career-high three sacks.

"We played well throughout the game on both sides of the ball," Gregory said.

The Lions will close out the season with a long road trip to Kirksville where they battle Truman State University (5-5, 5-3 MIAA).

"It's been a place where Southern hasn't played well, but both sides of seniors will be fired up and it should be a good game," Gregory said.

The Bulldogs will be looking to avenge last year's 40-32 loss in Joplin. Truman leads the series 6-4. □